

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 February 1963		2. LOCATION Lajes, Azores		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/0640Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Easterly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pale white object without trail or sound observed by eight military personnel on duty. Object at 75 dgr elevation NW of airstrip in Easterly flight which was described as wavy. Sighting during night. WX partly cloudy at same elevation (45 dgr). Wind at 10,000 ft was 30 knots from 290 dgr.				11. COMMENTS Description & motion conform to balloon sighting. Winds from west at speed consistent with this analysis. Possibility of launch from Horta Naval station 60 miles to West or other location. Case evaluated as a balloon sighting.	

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ACTION: NIN-9

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3, DIA-25, DIA/CIIC-2 (45)

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PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON D C

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INFO RUCDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL

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UFO. ONE SPHERICAL OBJECT SIZE GRAPEFRUIT SIGHTED VISUALLY AT LAJES
FIELD 38-46N, 27-06W, BY GROUND OBSERVER A2C PAUL K. WILKINSON, USAF,
ATTACHED TO 1605 AIR POLICE SQD. SIUFOWNG REQURTED AT 200640Z AND
VERIFIED BY EIGHT OTHER AIR POLICEMAN ON DUTY. OBJECT WAS PALE
WHITE IN COLOR, LEFT ON TRAIL OR EXHAUST AND EMITTED NO SBUND.
OBSERVER FIRST VIEWED OBJECT NW OF AIRSTRIP AT 075 ANGLE OF ELEVATION.
OBSERVER HELD OBJECT IN SIGHT FOR FIVE MINUTES PRIOR TO ITS
DISAPPERANCE BEHIND CLOUD COVER. DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT WAS EASTERLY,

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IN A WAVY PATTERN, AND ANGLE OF ELEVATION AT DISAPPERANCE 075.
OBSERVER INDICATED THERE WAS NO RAIN AT TIME OF NIGHT SIGHTING
AND THAT THE SKY WAS PARTLY CLOUDY. THERE WAS NO UNUSUAL
METEROROLOGICAL ACTIVITY. REPORT FROM LAJES AWS FOR 0600Z INDICATED
WIND DIRECTION 160 DEGREES MAGNETIC AND VELOCITY 3 KTS AT SURFACE,
230T AND 9 KTSS

T 6,000 FT AND 290T AND 30 KTS AT 10,000 FT. CEILING
WAS 2700 FT SCTD WITH CLOUD COVER LESS THAN POINT 5. VISIBILITY WAS
12 MI, TEMP 47F AND THERE WERE NO THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA. LAJES
TCC VERIFIED THAT NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT WERE IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING,
HOWEVER, REPORTING OFFICER, LCDR D. T. LASOWSKI, USFORAZ, BELIEVES
UNKNOWN AIRCRAFT TRANSITING AREA OF SIGHTING IS A DEFINITE
POSSIBILITY.

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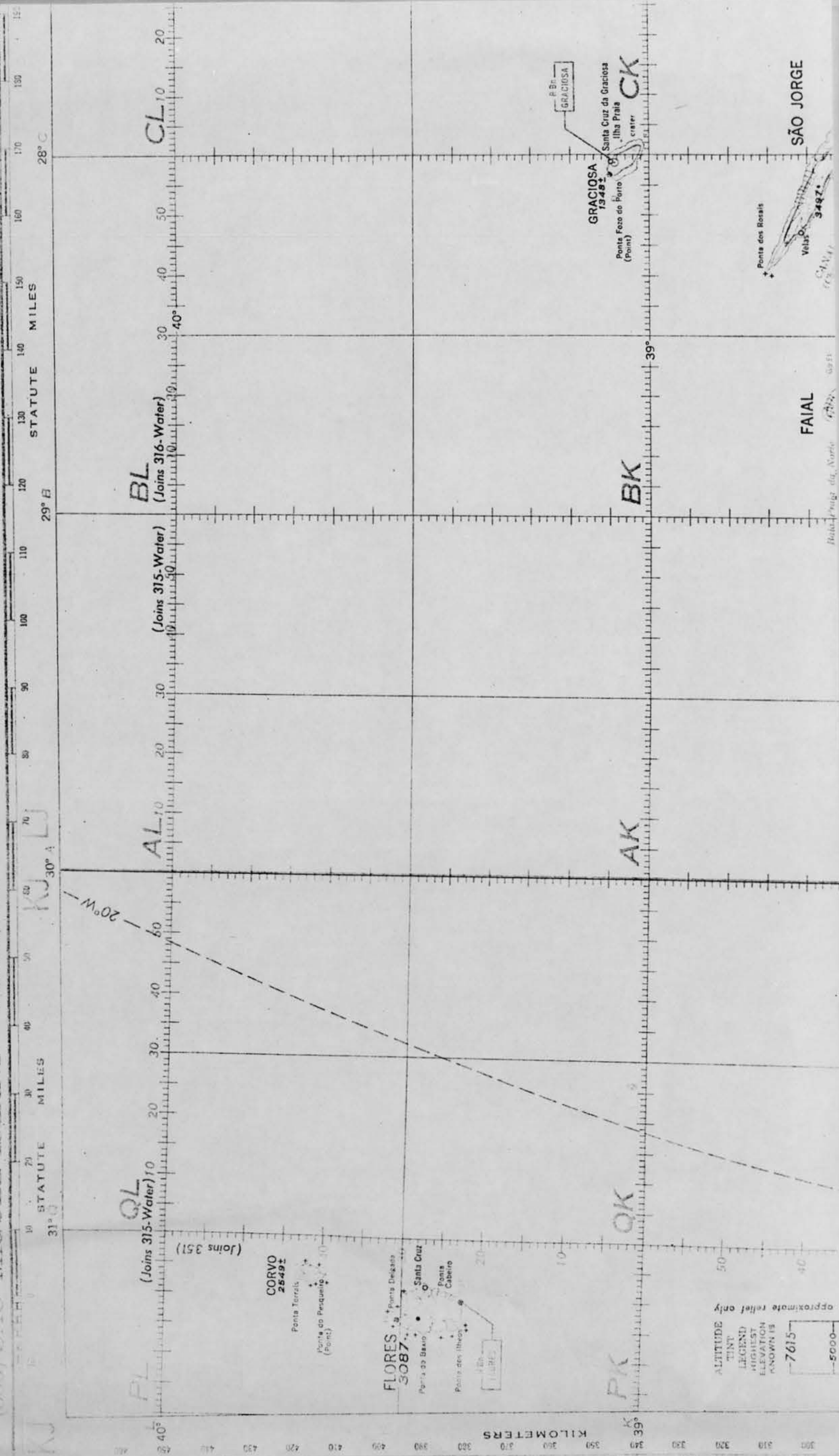
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NOTE: ADV CY DELIVERED TO NIN & DIA

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N 3600-W 2400/400x700

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OPTICAL CHART

Lambert Conformal Conic Projection
Standard Parallels 36°40' and 39°20' Scale 1:1,000,000

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